World Bank assisted Urban Development projects also include slum upgradation components Besides, a special assistance of Rs. 100_ crores is to be provided to the Govt, of Maharashtra during the Seventh Plan for solving the acute housing and slum problems in Bombay. Besides this, grants amounting jo Rs. 49. 00 lakhs have also been released during 1986-87 to the States Governments undier the Centrally sponsored Plan Scheme of Urban Basic Services to improve quality of life of the urbar. poor.

Survey cf vacant lands in the urban areas

2273. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL; Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOP-MENT be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government had recently conducted a survey under the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act to And out the total hectares of vacant lands in ihe> urban areas of the countrytails thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to levy cant land tax; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof7

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE ' MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOP-MENT (SHRl DALBIR SINGH): (a) No. Sir. However as per the statement filed by individuals under Section 6 of the Act, . 1, 68, 182. 70 Hectt. of vacant lands are available in urban areas covered under the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976,

(b) and (c). National Commission on 'Urbanisation, in its interim report, have amended that the surplus vacant land should be subject to a cessjtax ranging from Rs. 3 per sq. mater to Rs, 50 per sq. meter, depending on location of the land. This recommendatio, -, is being examined.

Drought and flood affected areas

2274. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL; Wil) the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether a large number of areas of the country had increasingly come under the range of drought and Aoodl during the last three years and if so, the details of the area affected by drought and flood, separately, during the years 1984, 1985, ' 1986 and so far in 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): Statement-I gives the area iied due to flood etc., during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986. *{See* below) The extent of cropped area affected by drought during the years 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 is given in Statement II. Ul and IV. respectively.

lStatement-I

Area affected due to flood etc.

(Area in lakh hectares)

S.	State/U. T.	1984	1985	1986
No.		---------- JL		
1	Andhra Pradesh	. 32-15 1516	0-06 6-	9-06
2	Assam.	′ 26. 44	47 7-	4-26
3	Bihar		85	17-04

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